

# INKLE & YARICO.

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## OR, THE SLAVE-TRADE EXPOSED.

### DESCRIPTION OF THIS OPERA.

The Author of this Piece has closely adhered to the affecting Story related in the Spectator, v. i. ii. in every Circumstance; except Inkle's selling Yarico for a Slave; wisely judging, we may suppose; that would have been a dangerous Circumstance, to represent before an English Audience. The Principles which has been instilled into young Inkle's Mind, that he should sacrifice every Thing to his Interest, made him form the Resolution of selling her; nor has the tender Intracies and fond Affections any Effect upon his Humanity, or Recollection of her having saved his Life, upon his Gratitude, till strengthened by the noble Sentiments of the Person who is in Treaty for her, who tells him, that though every Day a Witness to this Custom, he thinks the only Excuse for buying his fellow Creatures is to rescue them from the Hand of those who are unfeeling enough to bring them to Market, and that Englishmen, who so justly feel the Blessings of Liberty, are doubly cruel in depriving the helpless of their Freedom: These and similar Sentiments at length induce him to renounce the Principles he had imbibed and awaked in his Heart, a Sense of Honor, Gratitude, and Humanity. The universal Applause th's Opera acquired at the Haymarket Theatre, where it appeared with equal Lustre upwards of Twenty Nights; when its Progress was stopped by the Close of the Theatre, is the best Recommendation we can offer with it, in its Introduction to a discerning Audience. The Author has endeavoured to accomplish two Objects to gratify the Lovers of Comic Humour by the Exhibition of eccentric Characters, and absolute Originality; and to delight the virtuous Mind by the pathetic Effusions of Sentiment. The comic Humour of Trudge and Wowke, the ingenious Penitence of Inkle, and the sweet Picture of Innocence and injured Excellence of Yarico, cannot fail to afford that Pleasure to our Auditors here, which it so repeatedly inspired in London. The Characters of Yarico and Wowke will wear the Habits and Complexions of the Natives in the most remote Parts of America: Being very rarely to be seen in this Kingdom.